

Parade/Gay community shows unity

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according to Colorado Springs police.

And while the number of participants in the parade had dramatically increased according to the official police count, the number of people who came out to watch the parade was still very small, roughly 150.

Participants identified themselves as doctors, lawyers, college professors, electricians, clergymen, soldiers and mothers and fathers.

Jean Davidson of Colorado Springs came out to support her gay brother, who lives in Texas. "When are people going to learn that there is all kinds of love in this world? That my brother — I love you, Michael! — loves another man is totally OK with me."

There was also a small number of drag queens and leather-clad lesbians and gay men — providing the images of homosexuality that gay rights opponents often focused on during the Amendment 2 campaign.

In fact, a member of Colorado for Family Values was on hand to tape the parade and rally. And as parade participants streamed into Acacia Park for the rally, Colorado for Family Values executive director Kevin Tebedo stood and watched.

"I see a lot of free speech being exercised," he said. "I

think this helps prove our point that no rights have been taken away from them."

Misty McCrae, a professional female impersonator from Colorado Springs, wore a dress, full makeup, and a crown on his head for the parade. McCrae seemed unrepentant that he might be creating an image that critics could use as fodder against all gays.

"It's great publicity for me, so they can take all the pictures they want," he said.

"I do this (cross dress) because it makes me feel good. I also make pretty good money from this, which is another reason.

"But, honey, if you can't see that most of the people here are just . . . you know, regular people with normal jobs, then you're not getting the real picture."

Tebedo countered that the participants in the parade "tempered their behavior."

"For one thing, they have their clothes on," he said. "You don't see the North American Man Boy Love Association like you do in San Francisco. You don't hear them yelling 'Send out Chelsea' like they did in Washington, D.C."

Despite the large turnout for the event, polls suggest Amendment 2 would pass again if it were brought to another state-

wide vote. None of the local and state politicians invited to the event chose to attend, organizers said, although U.S. Rep. Bert Nighthorse Campbell wrote a letter of support.

Despite the dearth of policy makers at the event, participants took strength in their numbers.

"How can anyone possibly doubt that we are a family of love, a family of pride?" asked Gerda Fletcher, vice president of the Springs chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

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\$6 million: No one matched the six winning numbers selected in the Colorado lotto drawing Saturday night, so the \$5.5 million jackpot will grow to \$6 million for Wednesday.

The winning numbers were 2, 10, 12, 13, 27 and 28.

Lottery officials said 71 ticket buyers matched five of the six winning numbers to each win \$452; 3,224 players matched four numbers to win \$37 each; and 47,237 people matched three numbers to each win \$3.

Gun use by gangs increasing, Denver study shows: Gang members in 1993 are using guns to commit crimes at nearly twice the rate they were one year ago, a Denver Police Department study shows.

And gang-related crimes have increased by 18 percent so far this year,

according to an analysis published in Sunday's Rocky Mountain News.

In the first five months of 1992, crimes at gunpoint by juvenile gang members soared 94 percent, from 32 to 62. Most crimes involved assaults.

"They (gang members) tell us, 'You aren't going to get me out on the street without my gun,'" said Police Chief David Michaud. "One gang member said, 'It's half-restful when I go to jail. At least I don't have to worry about somebody shooting at me.'"

So far this year, police have logged 310 gang-related crimes from January through May, compared with 263 in the same period last year, the report said.

There were 651 gang crimes reported in Denver in 1992, roughly 2 percent of all crime in the city. That represents a jump of nearly 29 percent from 1991, although police analysts say the increase likely had more to do with improved reporting than more crime.

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The Volunteer Center is a service of the Pikes Peak Chapter of the American Red Cross. It offers information and referral services on 200 agencies to prospective volunteers. Further information is available at 632-8095. Community organizations needing volunteer help can contact the center.

Pikes Peak United Way needs volunteers for its Day of Caring, June 30. Volunteers will be matched with United Way agencies to read and play games with children, serve meals to the elderly, paint, landscape, perform administrative duties and work on other projects. Flexible work hours can be arranged between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30

Kids At Heart volunteer to demonstrate, explain and answer questions about the museum's art and science exhibits.

Neighborhood Resources needs companions to help people with disabilities to participate in community-based events and activities.

Silver Key needs volunteers to do outreach, maintenance, computer and clerical work and to assist the housing case manager.

Salvation Army needs volunteers on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons to help bag, distribute and record food distributions.

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SOCIAL ISSUES

3,000 attend gay rights march, rally

An estimated 3,000 supporters of gay rights marched in Colorado Springs on Sunday.

Organizers believe the turnout was a reaction to the city's prominence in the campaign for Amendment 2, which prohibits laws banning discrimination based on sexual orientation. "Amendment 2 has not driven us in the closet," said Lyn Boudreau. **Complete report/B1**

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From left, Maxine Bardach; her son Louis; Corey Simpson; and his mother, Joan Knab, cheer at the PrideFest in Acacia Park on Sunday.

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SOCIAL ISSUES

Gay parade draws 3,000

Large turnout attributed to Amendment 2

By Louis Aguilar
Gazette Telegraph

An estimated 3,000 people marched Sunday through the streets of a city that to them has become synonymous with opposition to gay rights.

The third annual PrideFest was an unprecedented display of unity and strength for the gay and lesbian community in Colorado Springs. Organizers called the turnout — a five-fold increase over the previous two years — a reaction to the city's prominent role in the passage of controversial Amendment 2.

Participants came from Oregon, California, New Mexico and from many parts of Colorado. Marchers also included some Pikes Peak residents who said that just last year, they were afraid to tell some of their closest friends they were gay.

"Amendment 2 has not driven us in the closet, it has empowered us," said Lyn Boudreau, a public school teacher in Colorado Springs.

The group that authored Amendment 2, Colorado for Family Values, is headquartered in Colorado Springs and is headed by car dealer Will Perkins. El Paso County voters approved Amendment 2 by nearly a 2-1 margin this past November. The amendment, on hold until its constitutionality is determined in a Denver District Court in October, would ban laws that protect homosexuals from discrimination based on their sexual orientation.

The city and state have faced a fierce national backlash by gay rights advocates, who say the measure is mean-spirited and bigoted.

"This community has gone through so much," Boudreau said. "There was pain and shock over Amendment 2 when it passed. But now there is so much strength and love in this community. There are so many people now that aren't afraid to say who they are, and that is beautiful."

Shortly after 11 a.m., participants began the short parade route from the corner of Cache La Poudre Street and Nevada Avenue and marched to Acacia Park, where the rally was held. The mood of the day was festive and jubilant. The crowd was dotted with rainbow-colored flags and colorful banners. Festive music blared from a sound system, and giant puppetlike clowns gave the parade a Mardi Gras-like feel.

Except for a small group of people who carried religious placards and shouted insults at the parade-goers, the parade and rally were without incident.

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Some of the 3,000 people that showed their support for gays and lesbians by taking part in the third annual PrideFest

parade Sunday pass the statue of Gen. William Jackson Palmer as they make their way to Acacia Park for a rally.



Corey Simpson of Monument cheers a speaker at the PrideFest rally Sunday in Acacia Park. One marcher said Amendment 2 has forced gays out of the closet.



Colorado for Family Values executive director Kevin Tebedo, left, watches as a marcher in the PrideFest parade enters Acacia Park. Tebedo, whose group helped spearhead the passage of Amendment 2 last year, said the gathering proved gays aren't being denied their constitutional rights.

pride of the museum at Lowry Air Force Base.

"There is no question they have invested time into the aircraft," said Geoffrey Hays, chief of the Air Force museum division that keeps track of the 1,600 aircraft on loan to museums.

"They've preserved a valuable piece of Air Force history, but they understood the objectives of their foundation all along. The aircraft belongs to the Air Force and they are on loan to the installations and not to the foundations," Hays said.

Officials from Ohio and Seattle will inspect the plane this week.

"Why didn't they do this when our people from Lowry spent their own time and money and flew out to China Lake" to retrieve the plane? said Lance Barber, one of those who worked to save the plane.

Another of the volunteers, John Astry, said the group is

World War II vets. A lot of us had worked on them and flew with them," Astry said. "The camaraderie between the volunteers was amazing. We're going to lose all the volunteers if they take it away."

Hays had set a deadline of Dec. 31, 1992, for the Lowry foundation to submit its plans for the bomber. The foundation missed the deadline and didn't ask for an extension until months later. At that time the Ohio headquarters began making plans to move the B-29 and the 19 other planes in the Lowry collection.

Hays said he wonders whether the museum will ever open, and whether the aircraft can be cared for properly in Colorado.

A Lowry museum budget of \$652,000 is forecast for 1995. So far the foundation has raised about \$5,000 in donations and is seeking a bank loan, said foundation president Russ Tarvin.

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